

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 202

Reps. Tate, Vaupel, Garza, Liberati, Sabo, Chirkun, Albert, Mueller, Witwer, Tyrone Carter, Lasinski, Clemente, Warren, Stone, Haadsma, Brixie, Sneller, Kennedy, Ellison, Koleszar, Manoogian, Hood, Yancey, Howell and Jones offered the following resolution:

1 A resolution to support passage of federal legislation to
2 increase apprenticeship opportunities for veterans.

3 Whereas, Our military men and women, who proudly served our
4 country, often face challenges upon their return to civilian life.

5 As veterans return to families and communities, education and
6 employment may present barriers to a successful transition from
7 military to civilian life. They deserve every opportunity to pursue
8 their professional dreams and attain fulfilling employment; and

9 Whereas, There is a discrepancy between the number of
10 apprenticeships registered by the U.S. Department of Labor and the



1 number of programs for which veterans can use their GI bill
 2 benefits. In Michigan there are more than 1,000 active registered
 3 apprenticeships, but the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs has
 4 approved only 231 of them for coverage under GI Bill benefits; and

5 Whereas, Skilled trades is vital to the infrastructure of the
 6 state of Michigan. However, barriers exist to approving
 7 apprenticeship programs in Michigan, including the lack of an
 8 effective process to approve apprenticeship programs; and

9 Whereas, The proposed federal legislation, S.760, *Support for*
 10 *Veterans in Effective Apprenticeships Act*, seeks to expand
 11 opportunities for veterans to register for apprenticeships.
 12 Changing requirements for registered apprenticeship programs is
 13 necessary to enable veterans greater use of their education
 14 assistance benefits. Improving coordination between the U.S.
 15 Department of Labor and the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs
 16 will ensure that all veterans are aware that GI Bill benefits can
 17 be used to cover costs of apprenticeship programs; and

18 Whereas, Senate bill 760 will improve the federal process for
 19 designating approved apprenticeship programs, removing the need for
 20 the current ineffective state process and resulting in increased
 21 veteran access to apprenticeship programs which teach skills
 22 through paid, on-the-job experiences; now, therefore, be it

23 Resolved by the House of Representatives, That we support
 24 passage of federal legislation to increase apprenticeship
 25 opportunities for veterans; and be it further

26 Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the
 27 Secretary of the U.S. Department of Labor, the Secretary of the
 28 U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, the President of the United
 29 States Senate, the Speaker of the United States House of



1 Representatives, and the members of the Michigan congressional
2 delegation.

